1 **Please amend Claim 1 as follows;**

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3 1.   (Currently Amended) A digital camera comprising;

4   a photosensitive region for recording an a optical

5 image of a human subject;

6   a controllable shutter for exposing the photosensitive

7 region; and

8   a timer, the timer providing a selected time delay

9 between a ~~first activation of the shutter and a second~~

10 ~~activation of the shutter, the photosensitive region not~~

11 ~~recording an optical image during the first activation of~~

12 ~~the shutter~~ simulated optical image acquisition and an

13 actual optical image acquisition.

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15 **Please amend Claim 2 as follows.**

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17 2.   (Currently Amended) The digital camera as recited in

18 Claim 1 wherein the ~~first activation of the shutter~~

19 simulated image acquisition is accompanied by sounds of

20 typical shutter operation.

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22 **Please amend Claim 3 as follows.**

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24 3.   (Currently Amended) The digital camera as recited in

25 claim 1 further comprising a flash mechanism, the flash

26 mechanism receiving a low-power activation during the

27 ~~initial shutter activation~~ simulated image acquisition.

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1 **Please Cancel Claim 4.**

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3 4. (Currently Cancelled) ~~The digital camera as recited~~

4 ~~in claim 1 wherein the first shutter activation is a~~

5 ~~simulation of signal acquisition.~~

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7 5. **(Cancelled)**

8 6. **(Cancelled)**

9 7. **(Cancelled)**

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11 **Please amend Claim 8 as follows.**

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13 8. (Currently Amended) A method of acquiring an

14 image <u>of a human subject</u> with a digital camera having

15 predetermined features, the method comprising:

16 simulating <u>for the subject</u> the acquisition of an image

17 <u>of the subject</u> by the digital camera; and

18 after a preselected period of time, acquiring an image

19 <u>of the subject</u> ~~with~~ <u>by</u> the digital camera.

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21 **Please amend Claim 9 as follows.**

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23 9. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 8

24 wherein simulating the acquisition of an image <u>of the</u>

25 <u>subject</u> includes providing the sights and sounds associated

26 with the acquisition of an image <u>of the subject by the</u>

27 <u>digital camera</u>.

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1 **Please amend Claim 10 as follows.**

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3 10. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in Claim 8,

4 the method further comprising:

5 providing a program associated with a processing unit

6 for identifying the predetermined features <u>of the acquired</u>

7 <u>image of the subject</u>;

8 acquiring a series of images and applying the images

9 to the processing unit; and

10 analyzing the images using the program.

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12 **Please amend Claim 11 as follows.**

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14 11. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 10

15 wherein <u>an</u> ~~a first~~ <u>acquired</u> image, in which the

16 predetermined feature is identified, is stored.

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18 **Please amend Claim 12 as follows.**

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20 12. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 10

21 wherein the acquiring of a series <u>of</u> images is provided in

22 response to signals from a timing unit <u>in the digital</u>

23 <u>camera</u>.

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25 **Please amend Claim 13 as follows.**

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27 13. (Currently Amended) The digital camera as recited in

28 claim 1 further comprising:

1   a first mode of operation, the digital camera in the

2 first mode of operation acquiring an image <u>of the subject</u>

3 in response to user input; and

4   a second mode of operation, the digital camera

5 simulating acquiring an image <u>of the subject</u> in response to

6 user input in the second mode of operation, the digital

7 camera acquiring an image <u>at</u> a preselected time after the

8 simulating acquiring an image.

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10 **Please amend Claim 14 as follows.**

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12 14. (Currently Amended) The digital camera as recited in

13 claim 1 further comprising:

14   a first mode of operation, the digital camera

15 acquiring an image <u>of the subject</u> in response to user input

16 in the first mode of operation; and

17   a second mode of operation, the digital camera

18 selecting for acquisition an image <u>of the subject</u> having

19 predetermined features.

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21 15. (Original)   The digital camera as recited in claim

22 14 wherein the predetermined features are determined by a

23 pattern recognition program.

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25 16. (Original)   The digital camera as recited in claim

26 14 wherein the predetermined ~~features are~~ <u>feature is a</u>

27 facial expression.